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## Shopping superheroes appear during Lowell's Girls Night Out

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Villains were severely outnumbered last Thursday evening in Lowell as superheroes took over looking to do battle against the winter blues with a warm

spring evening of shopping during the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Girls Night Out.

The evening of fun lasted from 5-9 pm and featured eight uptown

stops, five inside the LACC building and nearly 30 in the historic downtown shopping district. Maintaining special late hours for the event,

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Superhero shoppers Keely Wolf and Whitney Patnode along historic downtown Main Street.

## Strong schools, Strong Communities proposal on the ballot May 2

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

There is an election on Tuesday, May 2 and the single thing on the ballot will be a Kent Intermediate School District millage called "The Strong Schools, Strong Communities proposal." If passed, it would mean a small increase in property taxes for a ten year period starting this summer, but increased revenue to educate children.

"One hundred percent of all funds generated by

this proposal will go to our local schools to maintain current programs and improve services offered to all our students," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt. "The proposed rate of 0.9 will cost the average Kent

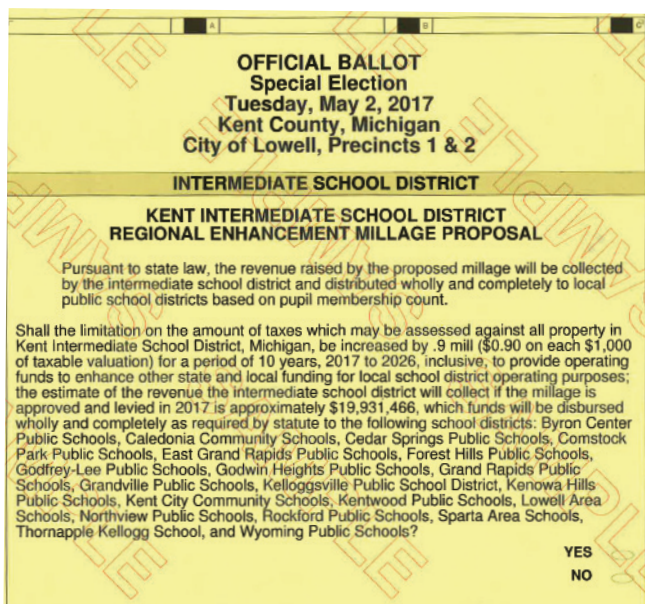
County homeowner \$6.70 per month."

Pratt said the millage is the only way schools can generate additional funds.

"By law only Kent ISD can ask voters for a regional enhancement millage and it is the only way to receive

*"If approved, every penny generated from this proposal will be distributed equally to local districts on a per pupil basis..."*

~ Greg Pratt



additional revenues to meet student needs," Pratt said. "All revenue from this proposal will be distributed to each local school district on a per pupil basis. This proposal will expand career training and technical course offerings to give our students real life, on-the-job training and a head start on their careers. It will also give students exposure to the world of work and partnerships with business

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## Jazz Night in Lowell May 4

The annual Jazz Night in Lowell will be happening on Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm at the high school. The evening will feature the middle school and high school jazz bands under the direction of Dale Latva and Tim Haan, along with special guests the Hastings High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Spencer White.

This year the event will be held in the high school cafeteria which will be

renamed The Lowell Jazz Café. There will be table and chair seating complemented by light desserts and beverages available to the audience. The goal is to create the atmosphere of a jazz club for relaxing while listening to some great jazz.

There will be no required cost of admission, but a suggested donation of \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors, or \$10 for a family.

The buckets for donations will be passed around throughout the evening. The offerings will be used to support the jazz bands with scholarship money and the Lowell Music Boosters.

So, come out on May 4 for some fantastic jazz from the talented musicians and their directors. It will be a great time to relax and to enjoy the sounds of classic big bands and modern rock jazz tunes.

## Semi-annual TOTS sale this Saturday

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell Area School extensive early education program Tots On Track for School (TOTS) will host their semi-annual TOTS sale this Saturday March 29. The sale will be held from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Cherry Creek Elementary gymnasium featuring merchandise exclusively for and from area parents.

The organization was developed as a way to give back to the community for their support and participation in their programming, according to director Kathy Burch. There is no entry fee for buyers or sellers allowing the profits to stay with the sellers and the discounts to remain for buyers. Burch, who took over the TOTS program in June of 2016, says she hopes the sale serves as a sort of one stop shop for area parents.

"The TOTS sale is an opportunity for our community to not only sell child related items, but also to shop for items needed in one central location. This is very helpful especially if you live in rural locations where there is not a lot of traffic for a garage sale."

TOTS offers opportunities for fun and learning to children from birth through preschool within the district. The sale is among several other upcoming and ongoing events presented by the program, including a carnival-style celebration at Bushnell Elementary on Thursday, May 4, from 6-7 pm, featuring games, prizes, popcorn and crafts. Bushnell is also the site of weekly playgroups hosted Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 am from October through mid May.

Those interested in the low fee programming provided by TOTS are encouraged to visit the Lowell Area Schools Early Education website or the Curiosity Corner/TOTS Facebook page for full details. The next TOTS sale is tentatively scheduled for October. Those interested in hosting a sale at the event can reach out to Burch through the same channels listed above.



# Lowell's dog park celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Lowell Dog Park, 1150 Bowes Rd., is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The Lowell Dog Park is a 31,000 square foot area that is divided into two sections. It is open year-round and free for residents to use. They have amenities such as benches, a shelter, water and poop bags and it is brightly lit until 10 pm. The park is operated and maintained by volunteer labor and financial donations.

"We've been self-sufficient for over ten years with public and private

donations, but the kitty is getting a little bit thin right now," said James Carey, one of the volunteers who helps maintain the park. "Donations are very welcome. It costs roughly \$1,400 per year to maintain the park. The city doesn't mow it, so we have to contract that. We also have a water bill and a light bill."

They have gotten some grants, but the terms of the grant money state that the funds can not be used to cover regular operating costs.

"We have gotten grants from the Look

Memorial Fund, the LCTV Endowment Fund and the Lowell Area Community Fund," Carey said. "They were a big help with our lighting system and our water system, which are big assets. They allowed us to stay open later, for example. But grants are for capital projects, not daily running expenses."

Carey said that the daily users of the park keep it clear of debris and perform basic maintenance, but occasionally some special groups of volunteers show up and work on more in-depth projects.

"A couple years ago some Lowell High School seniors stained all of the woodwork down there," Carey said. "We have posts, chairs and tables. About 10 or 11 seniors came down and knocked it all out in a couple hours. Verizon in Lowell gave a \$500 cash donation, plus their employees came down and did a cleanup."

The Lowell Dog Park was the idea of former Lowell resident Jeff Eckstrom. The city of Lowell donated a portion of Stoney Lakeside Park to the effort.

"Back in 2005 Jeff Eckstrom approached the city to see if it was something he could pursue," Carey said. "It was a unique situation. The city said they would give us the property to do it, but they would not be a financial partner. We were very grateful for that property. Dr. Bruce Langlois put the fence up, that was about a \$9,000 endeavor. Once you have a fence, you have a park. My wife Eva and I jumped on board right after Jeff got approval from the city to do it and it opened in 2007.

Then we started to raise money for improvements and things we wanted to do. Ivan Blough helped us with a weather shelter building project that we did. He was our overseer, our general contractor that worked with us. We did it with volunteer help, but with the guidance of Ivan Blough."

If you want to donate to the Lowell Dog Park, you can send a check to city hall made out to "Lowell Dog Park," stuff some cash into the donation box at the park or contact James or Eva Carey at 616-868-6387.



## along main street

### Lowell's police chief Bukala placed on paid leave

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell police chief Steve Bukala was placed on paid leave after somebody approached city officials with credible information about possible misconduct. Local officials refused to comment on the reasons for the chief's suspension.

On Monday, April 17, Lowell city manager Michael Burns sent city employees a memo that stated, "...Chief Steve Bukala is currently on paid administrative leave. He is not to be on the grounds of a city facility without my authorization. Sergeant Christopher Hurst will be the acting police chief during this time period."

"Chief Bukala was placed on paid administrative leave on

April 17, 2017," Burns said in an email to the Ledger. "Credible information was presented to the city regarding a possible misconduct. The Michigan State Police have confirmed that they are conducting an investigation on this matter. That is all I can say at this time."

Bukala has been employed by the Lowell police department since 1995. He succeeded Barry Getzen as police chief in 2013. Hurst has been employed by the Lowell police department since 1994. Once the Michigan State Police complete their investigation a report will be forwarded to the prosecutor's officer for review.

#### TOTS ALMOST NEW SALE

Curiosity Corner TOTS Almost New Sale is Sat., April 29 from 9 am to 1 pm at Cherry Creek Elementary, 12673 Foreman St. Want to sell child related items? Sign up at [www.lowellschools.com/tots-sale](http://www.lowellschools.com/tots-sale)

#### SPRING VOLUNTEER FAIR

Interested in volunteering? Have a teen that needs volunteer hours? Stop by the Spring Volunteer Fair to learn more about opportunities in our thrift shop, food pantry and more. Sat., April 29, 10-11 am at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton Street East. [www.fromlowell.org](http://www.fromlowell.org)

#### VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Want to volunteer, but don't know what to do? Come to our volunteer orientation and learn about all of our day, evening and weekend opportunities. Our needs range from evening cashiers to daytime donation sorters with lots of options in between. Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Wed., May 3 at 6 pm. Call 897-8260 for more information.

#### SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Drop off your unwanted scrap metal through May 5 at the Lowell fairgrounds, enter off Hudson St. at Bowes Rd. Metal only. No TV's, plastics or furniture. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #102, Lowell.

#### BLUE WATER RAMBLERS CONCERT

The Blue Water Ramblers play a wide range of diverse folk music styles, many include lyrics about Michigan and the Great Lakes region. The concert will be held Friday, May 12 at 7 pm at LowellArts, 223 W. Main St. Moving to Main Campaign updates will be shared and a hat will be passed during intermission for donations. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10. Call 897-8545 or visit [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)

#### THE PRESERVERS

This local rock band was nominated for the 2017 WYCE Jammie Awards, in the category of listeners choice, Best Album by a New Artist and Album of the Year. The Preservers will play at LowellArts, 223 W. Main St. on Sat., May 13 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets at the door only, suggested \$5 donation. [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)

#### WHO'S WHO? MEMBERS EXHIBITION

In celebration of the recent move to Main Street in downtown Lowell, LowellArts members are invited to display their art in a members exhibition through June 3 at LowellArts, 223 W. Main St. Just for fun, the names of the artists will be hidden and viewers will be invited to guess "Who's Who" in the exhibition. Open to all artist members age 14+ in any media. Gallery hours are Tues.-Fri. 10 am - 6 pm, Sat. 10 am - 5 pm. [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)

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# May 2 school election, continued

that prepare them for college and careers. Additionally, the proposal gives students living in poverty a good start and surrounds them with the support needed to keep them in school.”

The money will not be used for fun extras, but simply to maintain current programs.

“If approved, every penny generated from this proposal will be distributed equally to local districts

on a per pupil basis. The Strong Schools, Strong Communities proposal will generate an estimated \$19.9 million for the 20 school districts in our region the first year. Our district will receive about \$803,000 in the first year. Every penny generated from this proposal will be distributed to local school districts to maintain existing programs and improve services offered to

students. All spending will go through an independent financial audit every year with spending disclosed on a public website to ensure transparency and accountability. This proposal will expand career training and technical course offerings to give students real life, on-the-job training and a head start on their careers. It will also give students exposure

to the world of work and partnerships with business that prepare them for college and careers. Additionally, the proposal gives students living in poverty a good start and surrounds them with the support needed to keep them in school.”

Some of the money could be used for literacy programs.

“We’d like to hire

literacy coaches to make sure students read at grade level by the end of third grade,” Pratt said. “We would also set aside money to add science, technology, engineering and math activities at the high school and for technology to make sure all students have access equally. Strong schools are the key to attracting families and businesses

to West Michigan. It’s our responsibility as a community to work together to ensure our students have access to a high-quality education that helps them learn, achieve and be college and career ready. We owe it to our kids and grandkids to give them the same opportunities as we did to achieve, succeed and compete for jobs.”

# Lightning sparks fire that destroys area home

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lightning struck the Ken and Kim Wittenbach home at 2655 Lincoln Lake early on the morning of Thursday, April 20. Nobody was hurt, but the home was totally destroyed.

“People saw the lightning strike, then they saw the house on fire, so that’s what the theory is,” said Lowell fire chief Ron van Overbeek. “It was pretty well contained to the master bedroom. It got into the floor and the ceiling. There was a lot of heat and smoke damage to the home, but the bulk of the fire was contained to the master bedroom and one side of the living room. We used 2,000

gallons of water. That’s pretty darn good. The first truck in had three people, the engine operator, myself and a captain. We had a couple lines and we started knocking the fire down. As people got there they went inside and started hitting the fire from the inside and finished containing it.”

While firefighters from Lowell, Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Belding fought the fire, the Alto department was put on alert in case there were any other emergencies in the area.

“Alto actually covered a medical emergency for us while we were out on the fire,” van Overbeek

said. “We didn’t leave our community unprotected.”

Homeowner Ken Wittenbach said that members of the Lowell community have stepped up to help the family, who are forced to live in a hotel for the time being.

“The outreach we’ve had has been unbelievable so far,” Wittenbach said. “It’s just overwhelming. Usually I’m the go-to guy for people. I’m a giver not a taker, I’ve always taken care of people and family members. Now people are coming to me, asking, ‘What can we do for you?’ I’m usually the caretaker, so I’m not used to that.”



Firefighters from Lowell, Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Belding took about 90 minutes to get the fire under control.

## LHS Students of the Month for April

Ella Dougherty, 10th grade and Tiana-Marie Peavey, 12th grade, are the Lowell High School April students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Dougherty and Peavey. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Dougherty as nominated by Danielle Ayala and she writes, “Ella is a sophomore in AP Calculus AB. She is a diligent worker and appreciates a good challenge. She is not afraid to ask questions and put in extra time when she doesn’t understand a concept. Ella also is willing to help others understand the concept as well. Being involved in sports. She is still successfully achieving her academic goals.”

Tammi Dent nominated Peavey and she writes,

“Tiana-Marie is a dynamic AP Spanish student. AP Spanish is a class that requires a strong effort in participating in Spanish at all times and Tiana-Marie is excelling at this challenge. Along with her participation, Tiana-Marie has a curiosity about culture and how

the world is different yet similar. I appreciate her insights and the various “ah-hah” moments she has shared in class. As she keeps getting stronger and stronger in Spanish, I see great opportunities on the horizon for Tiana-Marie.”



Tiana-Marie Peavey



Ella Dougherty

## Student of the Month at KCTC

A Lowell High School student has been named Student of the Month at Kent Career Technical Center. Avery Lupton, 11th grade, is enrolled in the automotive tech program.



Student of the Month, Avery Lupton.

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## The Fallasburgh Flats begin their vintage baseball season this week

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Fallasburgh Flats Vintage Base Ball Club will start their season this week. The team will have their first practice at Fallasburgh Field on Saturday, May 6 and will play games all over the state this summer.

"It is never to late to join the team, we are always looking for more players," said manager Justin "Bear Claw" Bronkema. "I would ask anyone interested in playing please contact me at 616-835-5328 or fallasburghflats@gmail.com. While some other teams every once in a while may have a woman player, we are an all men's team."

Vintage base ball is played by the original rules from the 1800s. No helmets or gloves, wooden bats, bases are bags of yarn stuffed with hay and held to the ground with tent stakes and they play in a big open field instead of a fancy diamond.

"There are several rule changes from vintage base ball than that of modern day baseball," Bronkema said. "One example is if the striker (the batter) hits the ball and the ball makes contact with fair territory first, then from that point on it's a fair ball, no matter where the ball goes from that point. So if the ball goes in the crowd or wherever that ball is live. Another example would be that players are not allowed to slide into bases. If the player slides he is out."

Vintage base ball games go quite a bit faster than today's marathon contests, which average just under three hours.

"The length of games varies," Bronkema said. "Sometimes we play hour games and sometimes we



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play an hour and a half. Sometimes we play seven innings and sometimes we play nine, it just depends."

The Fallasburgh Flats' home field at Fallasburgh Village in the open field across from the schoolhouse.

Win or lose, the entire team and their families enjoy a meal together after each game.

"We always encourage spectators to stay and enjoy the post game meal," Bronkema said.

### Fallasburgh Flats Vintage Base Ball Club 2017 schedule:

- May 6 - Warm up/practice at Fallasburgh Field
- June 10 - Start of Summer in Rockford
- June 17 - Match at Greenfield Village
- July 08 - Match at Detroit Early Risers
- July 15 - Match at Richmond Bees
- July 29 - Match at Wolverine Base Ball Club of Taylor
- August 05 - Heritage Days tournament at Sidney
- August 26 - Hosting Wolverine Base Ball Club of Taylor
- September 16 - John Wesley Fallas tournament in Lowell
- September 23 - Harvest Festival in Rockford

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**Questions & Answers About Our Environment**

**Dear EarthTalk:** Even though pesticides may take an environmental toll, isn't it worth it given how many more mouths we can feed thanks to their use?

-Mickey Jurowski, Palatine, IL

The advent of new technologies coming out of World War II led agricultural researchers to start experimenting with new classes of chemicals they could use to boost agricultural production. As human populations swelled, these "advances" were applied around the world so farmers could grow more food to feed the hungry masses and stave off widespread famine. This transition from essentially organic farming practices to what we now consider "conventional" (that is, aided by chemicals) has been dubbed "The Green

Revolution." But "green" in the name doesn't mean it's been good for the environment.

Chemical fertilizers are synthetic or inorganic materials added to soil to aid in plant life. Pesticides kill insects or other organisms that are harmful to crops, while herbicides kill any unwelcomed vegetation that may affect their growth. According to data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), American farmers use upwards of a billion pounds of pesticides every year. Meanwhile, the United Nations reports that globally we use about five times that.

Indeed, the widespread adoption of these synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides has done a great job at boosting crop efficiency to feed more and more of us. For example, India was on the brink of a mass famine in the 1960s due to rapid population growth. Using the techniques of the green revolution, Indian farmers were able to grow enough produce and rice to stave off widespread starvation. Another advantage of pesticide use in India and elsewhere has been the prevention of disease, because pesticides kill insects carrying viruses that could be passed onto the crops.

However, pesticides not only kill the pests but also the natural enemies of those pests. In nature, everything is balanced out. Indeed, there is no free lunch, as pests respond to treatment by breeding stronger offspring that are resistant to these chemicals, and with natural predators gone, these pests will quickly multiply, which is why the need for pesticides to kill these pests keeps increasing.

Furthermore, persistent organic pollutants, also known as "POPs," are highly toxic pesticides and chemicals that

do not decompose. They poison non-target organisms in the environment because they are passed through the food chain (bioaccumulate). Consumption of POPs disrupts the endocrine system and is linked to cancer and infertility in humans. Pesticides also take a toll on our environment, contaminating water and soil. Along with insects, pesticides are also toxic to fish, birds, frogs and more.

Pesticide use is very controversial and should be taken seriously. While here at home, the EPA has banned many pesticides that are harmful to our environment and our health (though the battle for safer food rages on), in many other countries agricultural oversight and environmental regulations are non-existent or unenforced. Fortunately, we can all be part of the solution by eschewing conventionally grown foods and opting for organic varieties whenever we can. While growing your own food is one sure way to know that what you're eating is safe, you can also find an increasingly large amount of organic food in your local supermarket, let alone at a Whole Foods near you. Another great way to eat healthier and organic is to shop at local farmers' market. Find one near you by searching the free online database maintained by the non-profit Local Harvest.

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Another old land mark is gone. A. L Coons is tearing down the old "Tate" barn that has stood on Washington St., so long that the memory of man reached hardly so far back. It will make a decided improvement in the appearance of things.

The three men who cared for the Hon. Willard Hawley in his late fatal sickness have all been attacked with the same disease, the grip and erysipelas and one of them, Zackery Hull, has died and was buried last Monday.

Peter White, who is a mechanic at mending shoes, and is well known to most of the people of Lowell and vicinity, is now working for Clark & Winegar.

There is a village ordinance prohibiting the running at large of horses, cattle or other stock. Owners of such are hereby warned against allowing their stock to run at large, as all such will be impounded. Theodore Mueller, Marshal.

A number of cases of poisoning from eating of diseased meats have come to light in Grand Rapids, among whom is W B. Flagg. He was under care of a physician for a week.

In the last three months \$313 was received at the Jackson prison to be placed to the credit of convicts within, who had served in the late war. There are 26 pensioners in the institution.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 26, 1917

We say again, the strong young men of this country who are wasting their time at baseball and other sports and the people who are supporting them, ought to be in better business. "Don't cheer, boys; those poor fellows are dying."

Detroit continues her race for the murder and auto manslaughter record. The beautiful city of homes we knew twenty-five years ago, is lost in the great crush of foreign-born factory hands—the penalty of greatness.

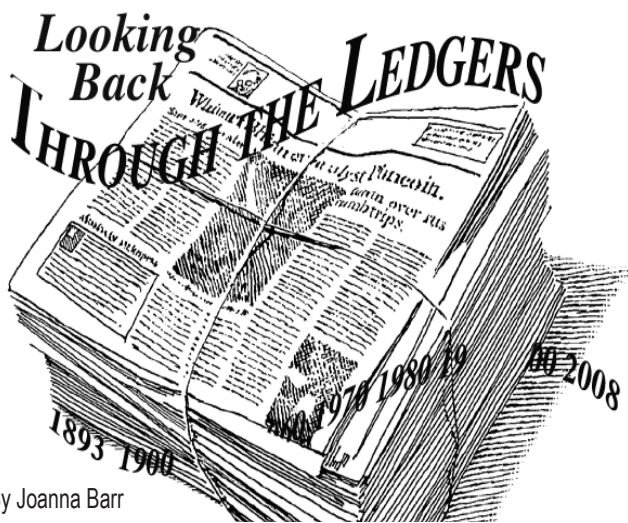
The death of a Detroit boy from injuries received while being initiated into the High school fraternity of that city will probably put a quietus on monkey pranks for a time. It's always easy to lock the barn door after the horse is stolen.

The bill to tax Municipal light, power and water plants, opposed by Lowell and other cities and villages operating their own public works, went down to defeat with a host of other schemes of all sorts and sizes.

Billy Barber was arrested Monday on complaint of John Kellogg for using profane and abusive language on Main Street Saturday, plead guilty Monday before Judge Andrews, who gave him sixty days for reflection.

Edwin Fallas has contracted for 120,000 mince meat can labels for this season and is doubtful if the supply will equal the business. Anyhow he knows how to get more.

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By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal April, 29, 1891

Sunday afternoon a 11-year-old boy, Claud Vroman by name, was picked up from a floating boat on Grand River, by Capt. Crawley of the steamer Barrett. The Captain states that the boy was in a helpless state of intoxication when found and was drifting at random. It is stated that the boy went down the river with a fishing party, one of the members of which was his father, and that the liquor he drank was given him by the other members of the party. This, however, is denied and the police are making a thorough investigation of the matter, with a view of learning the exact facts in the case.

The old red school house on Merriman's corner was sold last week to Daniel Bryant, and it has been torn down and removed. It was quite a land mark, having stood there for a great many years.

It is the traveling Dr. that is going from house to house seeking whom he may devour in this vicinity just now. He is ready to take your case for \$20 in advance and will stand ready for more as soon as your case becomes more critical. Our advise is if you have not doctors enough now, you might as well do your own quacking.

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# Annual CROP hunger walk set for May 7

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The annual CROP hunger walk on Sunday, May 7, will raise money to feed needy people in Lowell and all over the world. The event is sponsored nationally by the Church World Service and locally by Lowell United Methodist Church, Alto United Methodist Church, Bowne Center United Methodist Church, Calvary Christian Reformed Church, First Congregational Church, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lowell United Methodist Church, Lowell Senior Neighbors, Snow United Methodist Church and Vergennes United Methodist Church.

"CROP began in 1947," Lowell UMC pastor Matt Stoll said. "The acronym originally stood for Christian

Rural Overseas Program. It has since expanded beyond that acronym, but the name has stuck. There are more than 1,300 CROP walks all over the United States, churches and organizations within a given community to raise money to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development for those in

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~ Matt Stoll

including many here in Michigan."

The goal of the walk is to raise money to feed hungry people. Of the money raised locally, 75 percent will go to the Church World Service. The remaining funds will stay right here. According to their website, [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org), they are "an international relief, development, and refugee resettlement agency working in cooperation with

need around the world, as well as provide food locally in the community in which the CROP walk takes place."

"Of the money raised that stays in the community, 20 percent goes to FROM and five percent to Senior Neighbors," Stoll said.

All that walking will probably make you hungry too, so there will also be a lunch available.

"The lunch is simple homemade soup made by

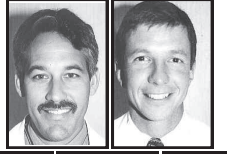
sponsoring churches in the community," Stoll said.

You can either walk a one or a five mile course. Registration is at 1 pm at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. The walk will start at 1:30 pm.

"The one mile walk starts at Lowell UMC and circles around the east side of the river," Stoll said. "The longer five mile walk takes folks west down Main St., across to Lincoln Lake, north to Foreman, west to Litehouse, takes the Cherry Creek trail to Creekside Kingdom and then winds down to Sibley St. and back down Main St. to Lowell UMC."

For more information visit [crophungerwalk.org/lowellmi](http://crophungerwalk.org/lowellmi), call 616-897-6141 or email [pastor@vergennessumc.org](mailto:pastor@vergennessumc.org)

# health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

## ovarian cysts and ovarian cancer

Each month during your period, you likely get a small cyst on your ovaries. These cysts are a normal part of your period. Sometimes they cause pain, but they usually do not cause any other symptoms. Most cysts go away each month. If the cysts stay or get larger, you may get symptoms in your abdomen or pelvis. Cysts are often found by looking at an ultrasound of your ovaries. Most cysts will go away with time, but often your doctor will recommend rechecking an ultrasound in four to 12 weeks to make sure they are gone. In women who are menopausal, the ovaries have stopped working and should not form cysts. There are different types of cysts that are not cancerous, but rarely, especially in older women, the cysts can be ovarian cancer. Ovarian cancer is an abnormal growth of tissues in the ovaries that can spread to other organs in the body. If not caught early, it can lead to death.

Symptoms of ovarian cancer can be vague and non-specific. They include abdominal or pelvic pain, increase in abdomen size, urinary urgency or frequency, getting full quickly when eating, trouble eating, or weight loss. If these symptoms are occurring frequently, several times a month, then you should see a doctor.

To evaluate ovarian problems, often an ultrasound of the uterus and ovaries is done. This gives the doctor information about how your ovaries and other pelvic organs look and what size they are. A blood test called a CA125 sometimes is also checked. Patients with ovarian cancer may produce more of this protein and levels can be elevated.

Most women who have an ovarian cyst do not have to have surgery and can often be observed with ultrasounds. Women who are menopausal are more likely to need surgery because the risk of ovarian cancer increases with age.

# business matters



Stephen Doyle, vice president at King Milling Company in Lowell, became the 113th president of the International Association of Operative Millers (IAOM) at the Association's 121st annual conference and expo on April 13, in New Orleans.

Highlighting the importance of education and training, Doyle announced the theme for his presidency: "Education is the Key." He stressed the importance of the development and training of a new generation of millers to replace the



Stephen Doyle

anticipated 50 percent of the workforce that will retire within the next decade.

Doyle has been an active member of IAOM since 1987. He served on the IAOM board of directors from 1997-2002, representing the Wolverine District. He also served on the district's executive committee for two terms. Doyle is the third member of his family and fourth employee from King Milling to be elected to the IAOM executive committee.



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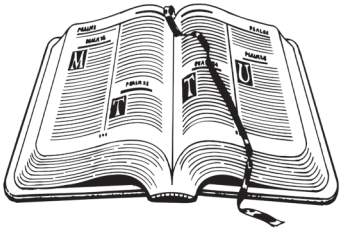
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# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encouraging residents to familiarize themselves with indicators of child abuse and to report it if they suspect a child is in danger.

“Children often cannot speak for themselves and when something as horrific as child abuse is happening, they cannot or do not know how to get help, said Schuette. “If you suspect a child is being abused, say something, report it, it just might save that child’s life. It is our job to protect children who do not have a voice.”

Last year the division handled 1,135 petitions requesting court intervention for 2,107 children who were victims of abuse and neglect. The division handled 9,554 court hearings regarding these children and conducted 1,025 trials on their behalf.

The Michigan Child Protection Law requires

certain people, including teachers, health care professionals and law enforcement, to report their suspicions of child abuse or neglect to Children’s Protective Services. View the Mandated Reporter’s Resource Guide for more information.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has indicated the following as possible indicators of abuse and neglect:

- Physical neglect - physical indicators: unattended medical needs, lack of supervision, regular signs of hunger, inappropriate dress, poor hygiene, distended stomach, emaciated, significant weight change.
- Physical neglect - behavioral indicators: regularly displays fatigue or listlessness, falls asleep in class, steals/hoards food, begs from classmates, reports that no caretaker is at home.

- Physical abuse - physical indicators: unexplained bruises (in various stages of healing), welts, loop marks, adult/human bite marks, bald spots or missing clumps of hair, unexplained burns/scalds, unexplained fractures, skin lacerations/punctures or abrasions, swollen lips/chipped teeth, linear/parallel marks on cheeks and temple area, crescent-shaped bruising, puncture wounds, bruising behind the ears.
- Physical abuse - behavioral indicators: self-destructive/self-mutilation, withdrawn and/or aggressive-behavior extremes, uncomfortable/skittish with physical contact, arrives at school late or stays late as if afraid to be at home, chronic runaway (adolescents), complains of soreness or moves uncomfortably, wears clothing inappropriate to weather, to cover body, lack of impulse control (e.g. inappropriate outbursts).

- Sexual abuse - physical indicators: pain or itching in genital area, bruises or bleeding in genital area, sexually transmitted disease, frequent urinary or yeast infections, extreme or sudden weight change, pregnancy under 12 years of age.
- Sexual abuse - behavioral indicators: withdrawal, chronic depression, sexual behaviors or references that are unusual for the child’s age, seductive or promiscuous behavior, poor self-esteem, self-devaluation, lack of confidence, suicide attempts (especially adolescents), hysteria, lack of emotional control.

Cases of abuse or neglect should be reported to local law enforcement or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Anyone, including a child, who suspects child abuse or neglect, can make a report to MDHHS by calling 855-444-3911.

## Michigan Office of Child Support releases free online child support calculator

Parents now can calculate child support payments using a new online tool.

The Office of Child Support within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services developed the public calculator. The calculator, which previously has been used by child support staff, is now available to parents, attorneys, judges, court referees and others.

“By making this calculator accessible to the public, the Michigan child support program is allowing parents and others to gain a better understanding of how child support is calculated in Michigan,” said Erin Frisch, director of the Office of Child Support. “This will strengthen customer self-service and help us deliver consistent and innovative services so that children can receive the support they need and deserve.”

Public users will obtain the same results as those obtained by child support staff, as long as they input the same information. People may be interested in using the public calculator if they want to:

- Calculate a possible monthly support amount without the need to open a child support case or order.
- Calculate child support prior to requesting a review and modification of a current child support order.
- Compare results provided to them by child support staff.
- Agree to a fair support amount with the other parent based on the Michigan Child Support formula.

Michigan’s child support program partners with Friend of the Court and prosecuting attorney offices to establish, collect and enforce child support obligations. Child support staff calculate support obligations for recommendations to the court and for order entry using the Michigan Child Support formula that considers parents’ income and other factors.

Anyone may access the public calculator through the MiChildSupport portal at [www.michigan.gov/michildsupport](http://www.michigan.gov/michildsupport)

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# Spring superhero GNO, continued

the businesses welcomed shoppers, some looking like they stepped out of the pages of a comic book, to their shops with treats and discounts fit for superheroes. Participants were also able to participate in an event drawing where three lucky shoppers were awarded goody bags comprised of gifts donated from area

merchants. Those visiting and retrieving stamps from at least 13 shops on their GNO cards were eligible for the drawing.

The GNO event boasts a selection of merchandise pleasing to all shoppers and a fun night out sans children, according to Lowell residents Keely Wolf and Whitney Patnode.

“It is nice to get out and have fun and just enjoy this little town,” said Patnode from behind her hero mask, adding that they plan to attend many times in the future.

The next scheduled GNO will take place this fall on Thursday, October 19, with the theme of team sports.



Sara Holland, Tena McCloud, Heather Gietzen with children Sophie and Colin and Becky Cole from Grand River Orthodontics.



Shoppers enjoy the selection inside Lennon & Willow Boutique at 204 W. Main during the shopping event.



Flat River Gallery & Framing showcased their collection of art and gifts during the four-hour event.

**BREAKING NEWS**

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# Artists create Chair-A-Tee fundraiser to benefit Pink Arrow

submitted by  
Amanda Schrauben

Do you remember the yarn bombing of trees along Main Street in 2013? Or the butterflies in 2002-2003 which were displayed around the community? LowellArts has worked on various projects in the community. Now it's time to announce Chair-A-Tee. This will be a fun way to display art, encourage local and out-of-town patrons to experience Lowell and raise money for Pink Arrow Pride and Gilda's Club of Lowell which helps those living in the Lowell Area School District who are touched by a cancer journey.

Various artists from Flat River Gallery & Framing came up with the concept which has been named Chair-A-Tee. Kimberly Gill, the current vice president and events coordinator, in addition to being a member of the gallery for four years, has been working with LowellArts, Pink Arrow Pride, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, and Gilda's Club of Lowell to plan the project leading up to kickoff.

"It is the integrating of the arts into our everyday life and to make art a part of our lives," says Lorain Smalligan, executive

director at LowellArts. "The collaboration of these groups signify the support Pink Arrow and the arts has within the community."

Gill says it was a roundabout way in which the project came together. Brian Meuser, a cancer survivor himself, began thinking last fall about a way the gallery could contribute to Pink Arrow. It was then the brainstorming began within the gallery walls, but in the end pieces seemed to present themselves and fall together landing with Chair-A-Tee.

"The president of the gallery, Kendra Postma [also a cancer survivor], asked all of us to paint our old chairs at the gallery to brighten up our shop. They've been turning out beautifully," Gill begins. Upon seeing the chairs another gallery member, Sheryl Ruiter, was reminded of a past project which helped raise money for a member of her family who is a cancer survivor. "We all had the same vision of these uniquely painted chairs lined up and down Main Street! Lowell is such an art conscious community, we know the project will be a success. We hope to raise a lot of money for the cause," Gill concludes.

Artists and crafters are being asked to get creative and use a chair as their canvas. Each unique item will be placed on display in pairs at local businesses and organizations with the intent of raffling them off via silent auction. A bid sheet will accompany each chair. The minimum bid per chair is \$75. Proceeds will be split between the designer of the chair, who will receive \$50 to compensate for time and materials, with the rest of the winning bid going to Pink Arrow Pride. Artists will also have the option to donate their \$50 stipend. Any amount over \$50 donated per chair can be used as a tax deductible donation.

Sixty is the magic number. Up to 60 artists are being sought to decorate 60 donated chairs for the project. Sponsors who donate \$6,000 to Pink Arrow appear on t-shirts each year. If at least \$6,000 is raised through this effort Flat River Gallery & Framing and LowellArts will have their logo appear on next year's t-shirt as a sponsor. Shirts will already be in production prior to knowing the dollar amount raised to be included this year.



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There are numerous ways to become involved. LowellArts and Flat River Gallery are currently accepting chair donations and seeking artists and those with a crafty side to sign a piece out to decorate. Chairs should be in usable condition made of wood or metal. Fully upholstered chairs are discouraged. An upholstered seat is acceptable but the greater the surface accepting of paint the better. The style of chair is left to the eye of the beholder. It could be a piece you'd find in a living room or kitchen to an adirondack used for outside relaxation. The deadline for donating a chair and signing up as an artist is Wednesday, May 30.

Those interested in receiving a chair to paint should stop by LowellArts or Flat River Gallery to look at their current selection. Participation from artists outside the community is also encouraged. Anyone 16 or older is able to make a creative chair. If more than one chair catches your eye multiple chairs can be signed out. Once completed, chairs should be returned to chair's assigned merchant by June 30 where a silent auction sheet for bids will

be available. Chairs can be viewed and bid upon from July 5 through the closing reception on August 26 at 3 pm. The starting bid is \$75 and should be increased in \$5 increments. Previous bids will be visible so it will be clear what is needed to outbid the highest dollar amount. If you find something you can't live without and don't want to worry about being outbid, a \$500 buy it now option is available.

Various websites and Facebook pages will have a list of locations where chairs can be hosted. Each business or organization will also have a clothesline in their window where t-shirts with the Chair-A-Tee logo on the front will hang indicating it's a participating location.

On Friday, August 25 during the Showboat fundraising concert where Alive and Well will perform, all of the available chairs will be on display and bids will be accepted. They'll be moved to LowellArts and Flat River Gallery for a closing reception to take place Saturday, August 26 from 2pm-4pm. Final bids must be placed by 3pm. Artists and crafters who designed a chair are

invited to attend the event in addition to anyone wanting to place a last minute bid or see all of the entries at one time. Light refreshments will be served. Winning bids for each chair will be announced at the conclusion of the reception.

If you're not able to attend the closing reception, it is not necessary to be present to be deemed the highest bidder. Winners who are not at the reception will be notified and can make arrangements to pick up and pay for their chair(s) at a later date.

If you're doing some spring cleaning and come across a chair you'd like to donate, drop offs at LowellArts located at 223 W. Main or Flat River Gallery & Framing located at 219 W. Main are happening from now until May 30. Anyone interested in creating a work of art can sign up and take a chair by stopping by one or both of these locations to review available options during this timeframe. Questions can be directed to Kim Gill via email at kimberlygill@gmail.com or by phone at 616-560-8705.



Red Arrow

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## SPORTS

## Girls boast winning 2-1 last week in lacrosse

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Girls varsity lacrosse went 2-1 on the field for the last week picking up wins over Grandville and Zeeland East High School but falling to Hudsonville. The week kicked off with a 10-6 fall to Hudsonville at home on Monday night. Senior Sela Bauman and sophomore Claire Gossman scored two each in the loss, while the team's remaining

goals were earned by junior Nikki Paulus and sophomore Ella Dougherty. Wednesday on the road at Grandville the Lady Arrows topped the Bulldogs 13-11. Paulus led the effort with six goals, followed by Bauman with five. Dougherty and Gossman again chipped in one each. Laurel Frederickson earned 12 saves in the box. Finishing

up the week on Friday at Zeeland East High School, the team trailed 7-6 after the first period, but picked up two goals in the second and stopped their opponent from scoring the duration of the game for an 8-7 win. The pair of victories break a four game losing streak for the girls and improve their season record to 3-4.



At left, Senior Tiana Petricevic and Sela Baumanon, at right, on the field for the Red Arrows.

The team will next travel to Northview and West Ottawa High schools for competition before hosting their next contest on May 3 starting at 7 pm inside Red Arrow Stadium.

## Busy week adds two wins to 4-3 on the season for the guys

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow boys varsity lacrosse started out a busy week of competition with a loss to Caledonia last Wednesday, but went on to put two wins and their third annual Pink Arrow event in the books by the end of the week.

On the road Wednesday versus a tough Scots team at Caledonia High School the boys fell behind quickly only tallying one goal in the first half of play to their opponent's seven. Surging back in the latter part of the game, the Arrows found the back of the net seven times but their comeback fell short four goals with the Scots coming out on top 12-8. Junior Addison Buckius led the team offensively netting four goals and one assist. Sophomore Case Olesko and senior Hayden Barry rounded out scorers earning two apiece with Barry adding an assist.

On Thursday, Lowell welcomed Holland Christian High School who they defeated 11-5 after leading the duration of the game. Olesko was the night's leading scorer with four goals in a widespread offensive effort that also saw six other Arrows add to the scoring total. This was the first time since 2011 that the Red Arrows have logged a win over Holland Christian.

Back at Red Arrow Stadium on Saturday afternoon, the team earned a 13-4 win over the Byron Center Bulldogs, boosting them to a winning record of 4-3 on the season. The game also served as the team's third Pink Arrow Pride game to benefit Gilda's Club. The event was hosted by the team's players and first-year head coach Tom De Jong, who said he could not wait to get involved with the cancer fighting

community effort. "There was no doubt in my mind when I got the coaching position in Lowell that this was an event I wanted to be a part of. This is a great tradition that Lowell has created not only in lacrosse but in every sport. It was humbling to see that every player and coach from both teams had one or two people in their lives that have been affected by cancer."

De Jong himself paid tribute to his late mother-in-law Nancy Gochenour who lost her battle with breast cancer a decade ago. He said [he] was glad to be part of an event that provides a sense of solidarity and community to those affected by the disease. "This event allowed everyone to see they are not alone. There were survivors and those grieving the loss of someone. That kind of support helps everyone involved."

On the field after the introduction of the teams' honorees, Lowell had a

fantastic showing coming out strong scoring six goals in the first period while

senior team captain Max Bishop stopped all Bulldog scoring efforts. He and the defense continued working well throughout the game only allowing two goals in the second and one each in the third and fourth for their opponent. The Red Arrows meanwhile added a total of seven more goals to nab the 13-4 victory. Senior captain Collin Bowers led scoring with five goals and four assists, followed by the efforts of Olesko who netted three and Barry who added two.

"The team did a great job," said De Jong. "We had a fast start which allowed us to get everyone time on the field. We tried to make it a fun game with no pressure and let guys play different positions."



Senior captain Max Bishop in goal during the team's Pink Arrow game.

With only four more regular season games left on the schedule the team will complete half this week having already faced Hudsonville on the road Tuesday with another away game on slate for this Thursday evening against Northview with action scheduled to begin at 7 pm.

Sports Summaries 

## BOYS GOLF

Lowell's varsity golfers earned a dual win over non-conference rival Portland High School and a third-place finish in their first OK White jamboree of the year on the green last week. Monday at home against Portland the Arrows were led by freshman Noah Barnhart in a 177-192 victory. Barnhart shot a 40 followed by the efforts of sophomore Tyler Kapcia who carded a 43 and seniors Adam Anderson and Alex Powell who each tallied a 47. On the road Wednesday at Watermark Country Club the team competed in their first conference competition of the season hosted by Forest Hills Central. Finishing in the third position the team was led by senior Alex Dommer with a 43, Barnhart with a 44 and Anderson and Powell each with a 45 for a combined card total of 177.

## RED ARROW SUMMER CAMPS

Lowell High School athletics recently released their summer schedule of sports camps available to Red Arrow athletes. Varying in rates, start dates and age enrollment the camps will kick off on May 30 with the boys basketball camp and end the first week of August with boys lacrosse. Thirteen other sports will host camps in between including cheer, crew, softball and golf. Full camp details can be found on the web at [www.lowellsportscamps.com](http://www.lowellsportscamps.com)

## GIRLS TENNIS

Red Arrow girls varsity tennis was limited to just two competitions last week after a rain delayed Wednesday's match up against conference rival Ottawa Hills was cancelled. Monday at home the team faced the Red Hawks of Cedar Springs falling hard to the OK White foe 8-0. Saturday the team revamped a planned contest at Lowell High School after Grand Rapids Union dropped out, instead playing a round robin style quad against remaining

competitors Reeths Puffer and Unity Christian. Reeths Puffer came out on top 12-4 followed by Unity (11-5) and host Lowell (1-15). The team will compete three times this week including the rescheduled Ottawa match-up and a second conference dual with Northview.

## FOOTBALL

Two Red Arrow varsity football starts were recently drafted to take part in the second annual Addix All Star game to be played June 9 at Davenport University. Inspired and organized by Lowell head football coach Noel Dean, the event raised funds to support the mission of Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids. Playing under coach Irv Sigler from Unity Christian High School Lowell representatives Hayden Barry and Logan Vandermeulen will battle against Team Stars as members of Team Stripes. Barry will fill the role of wide receiver while Vandermeulen will take the field as a defensive linesmen.





Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

# SPORTS

## Arrows slam Ottawa Hills 16-1 and 11-0; fall to Hudsonville

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity baseball earned a pair of conference victories over Ottawa Hills High School 16-1 and 11-0 and suffered a 7-1 loss in exhibition play against Hudsonville in a trio of competitions on the diamond last week.

On Tuesday the Red Arrows welcomed OK White competitors the Ottawa Hills Bengals to their home field wrapping up the doubleheader in just eight innings after two mercy wins. Game one took just three innings in which Lowell opened with ten runs. Adding five in the

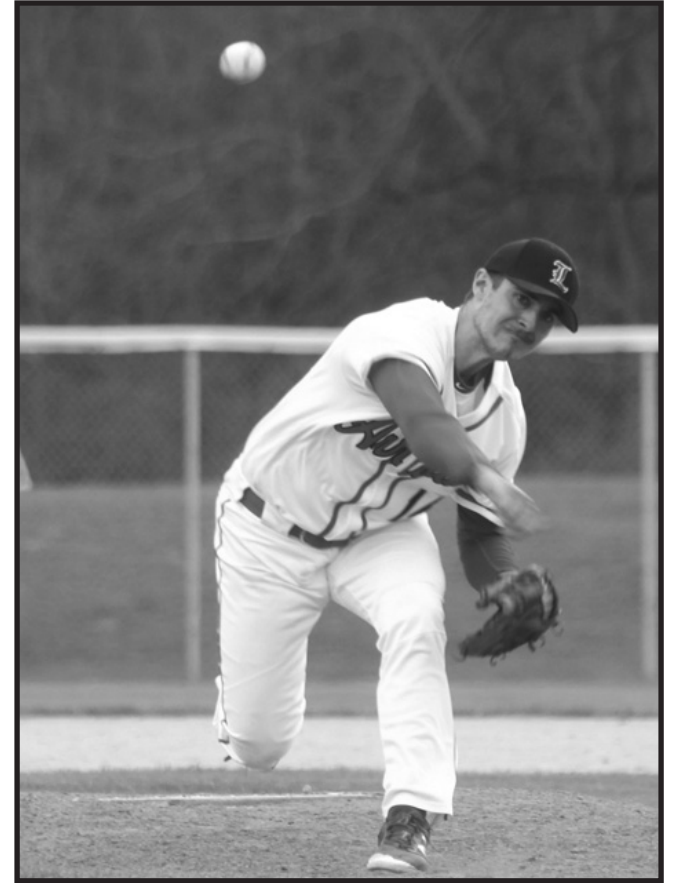
second and one in the third the team claimed an early victory having only allowed the Bengals to score once for a final score of 16-1.

Senior pitcher Cooper Perry threw a shutout in game two striking out seven batters while allowing just two hits in a five inning showdown which ended 11-0. The mercy win was sealed after a six run fifth inning for the already winning Arrows that was driven by singles from juniors, Garrett Pratt and Austin Whaley; a double from junior Josh Hackstedt; and a triple from junior Connor Douma.

The team totaled 14 hits in the game with Pratt topping the Red Arrow with three hits in as many at bats. Also collecting multiple hits for the team were Perry, Hackstedt, Trevor VanDyke, Douma and Whaley. The third game in the conference series between the Arrows and Bengals was postponed due to weather and was completed earlier this week.

In exhibition play to wrap up the week of competition Lowell visited Hudsonville High School where they fell 7-1 as the talons of the Eagles kept the

Arrows at bay of home plate. After two scoreless innings for both teams, Hudsonville began their strike in the third putting two runs on the board. Lowell answered with just one run in the fifth when Whaley crossed home plate. The Eagles sealed the win in the sixth inning capitalizing on an Arrow error and a double to drive home five runs for the eventual 7-1 winning tally. Perry, Jack Malone and VanDyke each had one hit to lead in the loss.



Red Arrow Cooper Perry on the mound during his game two shut out of Ottawa Hills.

**On tap for the 8-2 Arrows this week was a non-conference doubleheader against Grandville on the road Tuesday and another exhibition dual versus Covenant Christian High School at home on Thursday with the first pitch planned for 4:30 pm behind Cherry Creek Elementary.**

- SOCCER

## Girls boost season to 5-0-1 overall and 3-0 in OK White

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Logging three wins and boosting their season record to 5-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the OK White, the Red Arrow girls varsity soccer team had a stellar week of competition last week tackling and topping Northview, Greenville and Cedar Springs in important conference competitions.

Currently ranked in the ninth position in Division II, Lowell is not exceeding their high expectations before the team even got started. "Honestly, the coaching staff hasn't been surprised with our early

season success, because we knew how talented our team was going into the season. We had 13 returning athletes from last year with 11 returning starters, so our expectations are high," explained Lipon, sighting increased athletic ability and dedication to the sport as they keys to their expected success. "The major difference is our overall athleticism; this is certainly the most athletic group I have worked with during my six years in the program. More importantly, the program from top to bottom has more experience. Many of our players compete

regionally and nationally at the club level which has taken the program to a new level."

Senior Bridget Garter had eight saves in goal against Northview in the team's first game of the week, which ended with the Arrows trumping the Wildcats 3-1 on the road. After a scoreless first for both teams, Lowell saw goals from junior Riley Conlan, senior Amber Curtis and freshman Khloe Hayes propel them to victory backed by assists from Curtis and sophomore Regan Coxon.

Wednesday versus Greenville inside Red Arrow Stadium, the Lady Arrows produced a commanding 9-1 victory that saw four kickers break through Yellow Jacket defense to score twice in the game. Coxon, Hayes, sophomore Aly Holdridge, and junior Maura Fitzpatrick each scored a duo of goals while Curtis added one to the scoreboard. Assists were credited to Hayes, Holdridge, Fitzpatrick, Coxon, Conlan and junior Hailey Hoevenaar. Varsity newcomer Abby White tallied six saves in goal.

On the road once again, Lowell faced Cedar Springs under the Friday night lights ending in the second shutout of the season from Garter producing a 3-0 win. Offensively, teammates Coxon and junior Darby Dean combined twice from the corner for scores and sophomore Amber Clouse added one to the scoreboard with help from Coxon. Garter earned six saves in the box continuing the tradition of success she has set for herself during her years as a Lowell athlete. "Bridget Garter has been

our starting keeper since her freshmen year and a huge part of our success. She provides an extra sense of security for us defensively. If we get broken down defensively, she is there to have our backs. Bridget does a tremendous job of winning balls served in from the wings and handles shots from the distance with ease. Our defenders can be more aggressive and involved offensively because Bridget is our last line of defense."

## Two victories in three innings, propels record to perfect 5-0

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Picking up two victories in just three innings last week in OK White action, the Red Arrow varsity softball team topped a severely out-matched Ottawa Hills 26-0 and 20-0 propelling the team's conference record to a perfect 5-0.

Sophomore Maddi Jordan dominated play in the at home doubleheader striking out 14 Bengal batters from the mound and allowing no runs during the three innings necessary to claim the wins. At bat the standout slugger was equally effective going five for five at the plate in game two driving in a total of ten runs.

Their 26-0 game one victory was led by junior Miah Ransom, sophomore Kylee Stephens and freshman Krin Beach, who each went two for two at the plate. Jordan picked up six of her strikeouts in the inning. Game two went two innings with the Red Arrows picking up 14 runs in the first and six in the second for a 20-0 win. The team totaled 21 hits in the game with Jordan's five being backed by three solid hits from sophomore Allyson Lange and freshman Kaia Zimmerman.

Now holding a winning record of 8-1 overall on the season, on top of their

so far flawless run through the OK White, the team has been putting in terrific team efforts according to Bill McElroy, who reported that the stats show the strength of their hitting game. "Our big hitters this year, so far, have been Maddi Jordan, Miah Ransom, Megan Summerfield, Kylee Stephens and Emily Depew. As a team our on base percentage has been very good. We are currently at .561 as a team."

Boasting two top-notch starting pitchers as well in Jordan and fellow sophomore counterpart Emily DePew, the girls have also seen great success

on the hill. "The pitching has been great. Maddi and Emily are two different and distinct pitchers," said McElroy of the second-year varsity teammates. "One of my toughest decisions each game is who will pitch."

Game three of the conference series with the Bengals was postponed due to weather and will be rescheduled for a later date. In the meantime, the Red Arrows will travel to Hudsonville this Wednesday for an exhibition doubleheader before heading back into OK White competition the following week against Northview.



Red Arrow sophomore Maddi Jordan on the mound during her pair of OK White shutouts.



# obituaries

## CADWALLADER

Phyllis Ann Cadwallader, age 80 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, April 23, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Gertrude Braaksma; and loving husband of 54 years, Ralph Cadwallader. She is survived by her children, Denise (Richard Valdez) Cadwallader, Dewayne (Sheryl) Cadwallader, David (Tina) Cadwallader; grandchildren, Amber Slater, Richard Cadwallader, Alita Cadwallader, Jessica Cazier, Sara Cadwallader, Heidi Lamoreaux, Heather O'Brien; great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Jason and Samantha Cazier, and Iris and Israel O'Brien. Phyllis grew up in Goodland, Indiana, where she met and married Ralph. The couple moved to Michigan when Ralph received a job offer from Amway. She enjoyed working for the railroad for over 30 years and loved travelling, especially her trip out West by train. Glass cutting and basket weaving were a few of the crafts that kept her busy. She was a wonderful cook, and a loving mother and friend, who always kept an open door for all. Funeral will be held Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Rev. Brad Brillhart of Lowell United Methodist Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club Lowell, 1806 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504-4921.

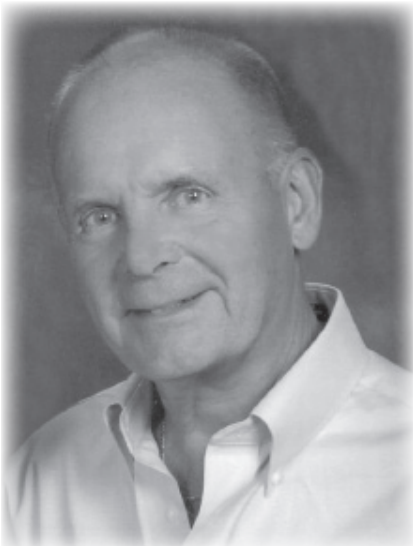


## ESTES

Brian L. Estes, age 77 of Cascade, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Tuesday, April 18, 2017 after a 3 year battle with ALS. He was preceded in death by his parents G. Mahlon and Thelma; and older brother



Terry Estes. Brian is survived by his loving and caring wife of 53 years Lynne; son Christopher L. (Lori) Estes of Grand Blanc; daughter Leslie (Michael) Blue of Cascade; grandchildren Kayleigh Blue, Victoria Estes, Tara Blue, Christian Estes



and Savannah Blue; sisters Karen Franchi of Cascade, Leann Kinney of Bradenton, FL. Brian attended Lowell High School and Davenport College. He was a member of Thornapple Covenant Church. Brian was also proud to have served in the US Army. Funeral Service was held at Thornapple Covenant Church. Pastor Rob Peterson officiated. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Susan Mast ALS Foundation, 2500 Waldorf Ct. NW, Ste B, Grand Rapids, MI 49544.



## RUSSELL

Charles "Chuck" Harry Russell, 86, entered into eternal rest on the morning of April 22, 2017. Chuck was the loving husband of Eva (Dreibergs) Russell of Alto. They were married on November 24, 1956, in Los Angeles, California. He was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather who served his country in Korea, in both Navy and Air Force. After his time in the service he worked a variety of jobs before finally retiring from General Motors. After retirement he enjoyed working on cars, making home brew and homemade wine, playing cards and spending time with his family. Chuck is survived by his wife Eva of 60 years; sons, Harry of Grand Rapids, John of Alto; daughter, Doris of Lowell; sister, Marilyn (Victor) VanHouten of Howard City; grandchildren, Kristin, Amanda, Amy, Charles, and Katie Russell; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Keith Russell; sister, Phyllis Condon; and son, Bry Russell. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017, at 1 pm at the Moose Lodge in Lowell.



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# Looking Back, continued

Mrs. J. T. Parsons was in Grand Rapids Wednesday to visit her mother who was visiting another daughter for a few days, and also bid goodby to a nephew of 19 years, who with six other young men left Otsego High school to join the navy.

George Thurlby's silo blew down during the hard storm Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dagen who have lately moved from

here to the Slover farm in Vergennes, met with an accident Saturday near Fox Corners. Loyal Rickner with an auto ran into their buggy making sad havoc in breaking up the rig but no one was injured tho' badly shaken up and frightened. They had driven out at the entire side of the road but the car seemed to follow them at a swift pace.

Frank Bready has improved the looks of his farm by pulling out a long hedge row.

Christ Bieri is erecting a small bungalow where his late home was burned recently near the plant.

the painting of various business buildings on Main Street. He was chosen on the basis of competitive bids. Mr. Beverwick is a good choice for the project. He is a color consultant for many large firms including Holiday Inns, Meijer Markets and ' Thrifty Acres and Eberhards. He can bring a vast store of experience and advice to the merchants. He is also an art instructor in Grand Rapids. It is interesting to note that the Beverwick firm is not new to Lowell. About fifty years ago his father worked in Lowell painting the old mill by the river.

George Cook, local attorney, was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in Washington D. C. last week. He was in Washington with other attorneys in a case involving the Kent County Board of Education. The Supreme Court will render its verdict on the one-man, one-vote issue as it applies to this type of government unit in the next few months.

High water from the 2 inches of rain Friday night threatened several homes in the low lands. Several basements have been flooded and households are without heat when their furnaces are flooded. The river started down on Tuesday before doing any serious damage.

Roger MacNaughton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton, is one of 23 high school seniors chosen to receive Michigan State University's Creative Arts Scholarships. Recipients are chosen through talent competition in four fields, acting, music composition, art and sculpture, and creative writing. Judging is done by members of the Michigan State University departments of art, music, English or speech. The awards are renewable for four years on the recommendation of the department. The Creative Arts Scholarship program was initiated by the university four years ago to recognize and develop talent in the creative arts. This year's winners were selected from 250 applicants.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 29, 1992

In an effort to help control activities at Stoney Lakeside Park, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Lowell City Council have agreed to use the Law Enforcement Explorers to watch for park violation rules. The Law Enforcement Explorers Post gives its members, ages 14-20, a chance to learn about career opportunities in law enforcement at the local, state, federal, and military levels. Part of the Explorers program is service to the community. It assists with traffic control and parking at parades and the 4-H Fair.

No longer will it just be seniors who are going off to college who will be eligible for scholarship money from the Lowell Education Association. Elementary, Middle School and ninth-11th graders will also be eligible for scholarship money. The concept is a new and unique idea which will start this year. It will also allow for college students to re-apply scholarship money in their sophomore year. What makes this concept unique is that the money to finance the academic scholarships will come from teacher payroll deductions. The Association will also provide the scholarship concept with funds. "The Lowell Education Association wanted to do more to improve student learning, more for the students and provide the students with opportunities they may not otherwise have had," said LEA public relations chairman Lannie Rice. "Some students may not have enough funds to attend a camp or workshop, but with a little help could," Rice explains. Vic DeWaard, LEA vice president, said the idea was presented to the association by Alto teacher Tim Hawkins. Students and parents must file application by Friday, May 15 to be eligible for scholarship money. For more information parents should contact their child's teacher or call the school. "This is the teachers doing something for the students," DeWaard said. "It's about kids, and that's what we're all about. It is the desire of the Lowell Education Association to be of service to those students within the Lowell Area Schools wishing to enhance their education."

Lowell High School students were recognized for their academic achievement over the recent marking period at the Academic Assembly held on Friday. There were 255 students recognized for their academic improvement and success. Of the 255 students, 71 were freshmen, 56 were sophomores, 63 were juniors and 65 were seniors.

## SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

### BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

\* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium

4/27 at 4:15 pm FHN

4/29 at 9 am GRPS Invite

5/2 at 4:15 pm FHC\*

### BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

\* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field

4/27 at 4:30 pm Covenant Christian\*

5/2 at 4:15 pm at Northview - doubleheader

5/4 at 4:15 pm Northview\*

### GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

\* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium

5/1 at 7 pm at West Ottawa

5/3 at 7 pm Spring Lake\*

### BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

\* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium

4/27 at 7 pm at Northview

5/2 at 7:30 pm Grandville\*

### BOYS VARSITY GOLF

\* Denotes a meet at Deer Run Golf Course

5/1 at 3:30 pm Jamboree# 3 at Northview

5/3 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #4\*

### GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

\* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field

5/2 at 4:15 pm at Northview - doubleheader

5/4 at 4:15 pm Northview\*

### GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium

5/1 at 6:45 pm Ottawa Hills\*

5/3 at 6:45 pm FHN\*

### GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

\* Denotes a game at LHS Tennis Courts

5/1 at 4:15 pm FHN

5/3 at 4:15 pm FHC\*

### BOYS & GIRLS SHOOTING

4/30 at 9 am Rockford

5/6 & 5/7 at 9 am Michigan SCTP International & Junior Olympic (Hillsdale)

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger

April 30, 1942

Of the four Lowell boys who reported at Kalamazoo last week for final medical examination previous to being inducted in military service, Lawrence Ridgeway was the only one to be accepted. John Rutherford was not accepted because of underweight. Bill Doyle because of poor sight and Carlton Runciman Jr., because of a punctured ear drum due to scarlet fever in infancy. It is understood that two other boys from this vicinity, Byrne Malone and William Doran, both of near Parnell, passed the required examination.

L. W. Rutherford received on April 27th, shipping instructions for three carloads of canned tomatoes for foreign ports. Mr. Rutherford reports that 35% of this year's output goes to the government for export.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hefferan, who have operated a grocery store at Parnell for many years, have sold their business to Wm. L. Byrne, former prominent Otisco township farmer. The Hefferans will leave shortly for East Jordan for a visit but plan to make their home with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Metzger. There is a host of friends and relatives who will sadly miss these fine people who have devoted a lifetime to the service and betterment of the Parnell community.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger April 27, 1967

The Chamber of Commerce Spring Spruce-up campaign that will get underway in May is one step closer to becoming operative. Ben Beverwick, well-known painting contractor, has been selected to contract



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APRIL 19 - APRIL 25

- The city of New Orleans has at last begun removing confederate statues including the statue of General Robert E. Lee.
- "The news is broken and we can fix it," says Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales. And he is launching a project aimed at reshaping the news media -- and tackling the scourge of misinformation -- using the same collaborative principles as the revolutionary online encyclopedia.
- Erin Moran, 56, who starred as the little sister in the Happy Days sitcom, died of complications of stage 4 cancer.
- President Donald Trump denounced anti-Semitism in a speech at the U.S. Capitol Tuesday. The president said humanity must never forget the massacre of six million Jews during the Holocaust, and he pledged to support the State of Israel.
- Two of the U.S. 7th Fleet are conducting simultaneous maritime exercises with naval ships from Japan and South Korea. This comes amid heightened concerns over a possible nuclear or missile test as North Korea marks the 85th anniversary of its army.

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- 33. Repeat, in music
- 34. \* \_\_\_\_ winds
- 36. "Stop!" to marchers
- 38. De Valera's land
- 42. Kidney-related
- 45. Hindustani guitar, pl.
- 49. "\_\_\_\_, the Beloved Country"
- 51. "The Three Stooges" and "Peter, Paul and Mary," e.g.
- 54. "The \_\_\_\_" to a bartender
- 56. Wedding singer, e.g.
- 57. \* \_\_\_\_ Bowl
- 58. Nobel Peace Prize capital
- 59. Clarified butter
- 60. \*What grass does in the morning
- 61. \*Kind of front
- 62. Crowning point
- 63. Trampled
- 64. Not difficult
- 67. Exclamation of disgust

*Puzzle solutions on page 12*



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LAST WEEK'S  
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RESULTS

Are you concerned with our growing military aggression around the world?

- Not at all - we should be bombing other countries .... 27%
- Yes - there are better ways to handle it ..... 64%
- No opinion - keeping my head in the sand ..... 0%
- I'm building a bunker ..... 9%

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